

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification that is attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace Claims 37, 43 and 44 with the following rewritten claims:

37. (Amended) A hand-held electric sealer comprising
- a) a housing,
  - b) a press bar pivotally connected to said housing, said press bar including a metal press plate normally biasing said press bar in an open position,
  - c) a heating unit mounted in said press bar,
  - d) a heat insulative base mounted in said housing,
  - e) a source of current, and
  - f) circuitry electrically connection said heating unit and said source of current,
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- wherein said metal press plate activates a switch when said press bar is pressed downwardly, wherein said switch is mounted in said housing, and wherein a portion of said switch protrudes above said housing and engages said metal press plate.

43. (Amended) The sealer of claim 37 wherein said portion of said switch that protrudes above said housing is biased upwardly by a spring.

44. (Amended) A hand-held electric sealer comprising
- a) a housing,

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- Handwritten notes: "entire" and "C1" with arrows pointing to the list items.*
- b) a press bar having a free end, said press bar being pivotally connected to said housing,
  - c) a metal press plate remote from said free end of said press bar for normally biasing said press bar in an open position, wherein said metal press plate is secured to said press bar,
  - d) a heating unit,
  - e) a source of current, and
  - f) circuitry electrically connecting said heating unit and said source of current, wherein said circuitry is normally in an open state,
- wherein when said free end of said press bar is pivoted downwardly said metal press plate causes said circuit to close.
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